A. M. FLETCHER

Announces That He Will Not Be Candidate for Governorship.

TWO ASPIRANTS REMAIN.

Cavendish Man Issues No Forms Statement but Authorizes Pree -Sketches of Prouty and Stanton.

The Hon. A. M. Fletcher of Cavendish has authorized the editor of the Free Press to announce that he will not be a candidate for the republican nomination for the governorship of Vermont. He has canvassed the situation thoroughly and he is satisfied a struggle over the nomination would precipitate a campaign similar tof that to which the people of Vermont objected som years since and he is not willing to engage in any such contest. He is naturally pleased over the assurances of support which have reached bim from many different directions, and unquestionably profess the high place he occupies in the extrem and respect t those who know him to a scramble over gubernatorial honors. Mr. Fletcher has served in both branches of the Legislature, and he is a man who has eminent qualifications for public service.

realning in the field are Lieutenant-Gover-nor G. H. Prouty and former bicutenant. Governor Z. S. Stanton.

SKETCH OF G. H. PROUTY.

George II, Prouty, who is a leading business man and lumber manufacturer in Newport, was born in that town on March 4, 1862, and is therefore nearly forty-six years of age. He was educated in the Newport high school. St. Johnsbury Academy, and at Bryant & Stratto Business College in Boston. He was member of the Vermont House Representatives in 1896-7, and served the Senate in 1904, having been presiden pro tempore of that body. He was electe Beutenant-governor in 1996, and that prominent part in the progressive legisle on of that year. Mr. Prouty has taken a prominent part in promoting the bust ness growth and development of his town and is active in every deserving cause, SKETCH OF Z. S. STANTON.

Zed S. Stanton was born in Roxbury, May 1, 1884, and has resided there all his A lawyer by profession, he was educated in the common schools and at the Northfield high school, He was a member of the House of Representatives in 1884 and 1886, and has held nearly all of the town offices. He was a assistant judge of Washington county court from 1884 to 1888, inclusive, State's attorney from Washington county from 1890 to 1896 inclusive, railroad commissioner from 1896 to 1898 and chairman of the board from August 1, 1897, to December 1, 1898.

ROBINS NOT VISIBLE.

He was also a member of the Senate in

corporations and on the committees on

judiciary and railroads. He was lieu-

tenant-governor in 1902-4.

It No Day to Be Out. St. Johnsbury, Jan 30 - This was to far the coldest day of the winter and a sharp wind made the cold seen even more intense. In the early morning the mercury ranged from 12 to 20 below zero in various parts of the village and the highest record of the day was eight beelow about two o'clock in the afternoon. The flock of robins, which have been in the village throughout the winter, were not visible to-day.

THIRTY-TWO BELOW IN NORTHERN NEW YORK.

Malone, N. Y., Jan. 39-The coldest perjenced here. This morning the mercury touched 25 degrees below zero and in many places in northern New York this record will be beaten. The indications are that it will be even colder to-

BEE KEEPERS' ELECTION.

Thirty-Third Meeting of State Association-Northfield Man President.

meeting of the Vermont Rec Keepers' sociation was held at the Addison House to-day and was attended by about 50 from Knowing that some people sayton much different parts of the State. Reports of we will close with the following remark various officers showed the society to we will close with the following remark:

In the afternoon, the election of officers Cram, Northfield; vice-presidents, G. C. Spencer of Vergennes, C. M. Rice of ley & Estey, Winooski, Essex and V. M. Forbes of West Haven; secretary, W. G. Larabec, Shoreham; treasurer, H. L. Leenard, Brandon; sets you crazy, Can't bear the touch of your clothing, Dean's Ointment cures the most obstinate cases. Why diebury, H. H. Stilson of Proctor and G.

General debility may OUT OF THE RACE arise from a variety of is always present, a tendency to perspire and President's Vigorous Language Seasonable Weather a Stimulus fatigue easily, ringing in the ears, sometimes black spots passing beforetheeyes, weak back, MOST UNPRECEDENTED SCENE MORE DONE AT WHOLESALE vertigo, wakefulness caused by inability to stop thinking, and unrefreshing sleep. These conditions are simply a call for a blood tonic and builder.

breakdown in health, was in bed for three months and after that was able to be up only part of the time. I was sick all over, being pale, weak

My protein two general democratic side of the House, then on the republican, and culminated in a general demonstration by the entire body. As if in anticipation that something out of the ordinary was going to happen there was a very full attendance of members. Long after the reading of the message had been concluded it was also a support of the reading of the House, then on the republican, and culminated in a general democratic side of the House, then on the republican, and culminated in a general democratic side of the House, then on the republican, and culminated in a general democratic side of the House, then on the republican, and culminated in a general democratic side of the House, then on the republican, and culminated in a general democratic side of the House, then on the republican, and culminated in a general demonstration by the entire body.

As if in anticipation that something of the was a very full attendance of members. Long after the reading of the time. and thin. My appetite was gone, message had been concluded it was almost the sole topic of conversation among members on the floor and in the and often I would faint away.

"As the treatment I was taking dian appropriation bill was discussed, did not help me, I began to take Its consideration had not been completed Dr. Williams' Pink Pilis. After when the House at 5:05 p. m. adjourned until Monday. taking a few boxes, I began to get well rapidly. I am now as well SENATE ORDERS 10,000 COPIES OF IT PRINTED. and strong as ever in my life."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills

soc. per box; six boxes, \$2.50, at all druggists. Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. V.

W. Fassett of Middlebury. The place for holding the next meeting was left with the secretary to announce the time and

COLDEST OF THE SEASON.

Franklin County's Frigid Temperature Touched 23 below Zero.

St. Albans, Jan. 30.-Franklin county experienced to-day by far the cold- is ford reports 26, Sheldon 25, Fairfax 24, be considered. Enosburgh Falls 18, Swanton 20, East Fairfield 20, Fletcher 25, Franklin 22 til Monday. and Montgomery 24.

VERMONT SANATORIUM HAS 13 PATIENTS.

1900 and chairman of the committee on Will Re Filled to Capacity in Two

-Officers Re-elected.

of the board of trustees of the Vermont could bardly be found in the Green sanatorium was held this afternoon at Mountain State itself. ouraging. The present officers were re-

rountles as follows: Rutland county, and chairman of the naval committee of dellars, Most of them are refusing to accept new risks in that district. Windham, 1; Washington, 1.

more patients have been accept-

The average length of stay of the sump of the winter is now being ex- est gain fifteen pounds and the lowest outside their home State, to-day this two pounds,

sanatorium was not ready to receive patients until December 16 and two powerful enough to keep the best of its arrived that day, and they have been own power. arriving at the rate of about two per week since then, while is as rapidly as Mayer Hibbard, who said he is proud to

Judging from the way applications are being received and from the number at- Gov. Prouty ended the speechmaking. TALK OF PROCTOR'S ready pending, the present capacity of after which there was a short order of the institution (which is thirty-two pat- dances. Middlebury, Jan. 36 .- The Mrd annual lents) will probably be filled within as- couple of months.

a good standing. The program, Rydale's Cough Elixir is Guaranteed unprinted in the Free Press was carried Gerial number 2119) to contain neither Morphine, Oplum, Chloroform nor opiates In the afternoon, the leatin of officers, resulted as follows: President, M. F. of any kind, and to be absolutely harm-resulted as follows: Presidents, 11, C. less. J. W. O'Sullivan, Burlington, Shan-

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MESSAGE MADE A GREAT HIT

Brought Storms of Applause in the House

Porce to Hear Relations of Labor and Capital and of Corporations and the Public Discussed-Sennte Receives It.

Washington, Jan. 31-An unusual and almost unprecedented scene was enacted Mrs. Lena May Brooks, Prairie in the House of Representatives to-day as the result of the reading of a special Hall, Macon county, Ill., after sev- message to Congress by the President, eral months of suffering finally found ter of relations of labor and capital, and the right tonic in Dr. Williams of corporations and the public. The vigorous language of the document brought
forth storms of applause, first on the "I suffered terribly from a general democratic side of the House, then on lobbies.

Washington, Jan. 31.-The reading of the President's message concerning the employers' liability act, the granting of ters of a general nature concerning cor-Senate proceedings to-day.

The message received careful attention dealers proceed cauriously on the part of many senators on both ing for future business. the printing of 16,000 copies.

The remainder of the day was devoted laws of the United States. The first ket. reading of the bill was concluded including all paragraphs to which no ob-jection has developed. When the measure next taken est weather of the season, the average amendments to the law and others to being more than 20 below zero. Rich- which objections have been made will

The Senate adjourned at 4:10 o'clock un-

GOVERNOR THE GUEST

Boston, Jan. 31-Governor Proctor of Vermont was guest of honor at the 22d annual banquet and reception of the Menths-Annual Meeting of Trustees ton Vermont association in the Hotel Vendome last evening. A more loyal 200 Pittsford, Jan. 30-The annual meeting people than those who welcomed him

presided. The financial showing was en. Mrs. Proctor and their daughter, Lieut. organize and equip the fire department affirmed with costs, and ordered certified Mrs. Prouty. Miss Jean Mitchell, Arthur prominent insurance companies doing Martha M, Hall vs. George W. Hall. There are already at the sanatorium intreen patients, of whom seven are and Mrs. Robinson, the Hon. George risks in the district between Chambers firmed and cause remanded. men and six women. They are divided Edmund Foss, congressman from Illinois and 14th streets by tens of millions of

The first speaker at the banquet which followed was Dana, Malone, ated but have not yet arrived one from torney-general of Massachusetts, who on Bennington county, one from Franklin behalf of the commonwealth extended a plead for them, but in nearly every incounty and one from Washington cordial welcome to the sons of Ver-

patients already at the sanatorium has been three and one-half weeks, and the formerly, as was proved by the gather- shall accept no new average gain in weight of all thirteen ing before him. Vermont's sons had been has been six pounds, the great- compelled to seek their best opportunities condition of affairs did not hold, and more and more Vermont was becoming

There followed a short speech the institution can adjust itself to tak-ing care of them. menter Outside Vermont.

SADDLE HORSES NEEDED AT NORWICH UNIVERSITY.

Northfield, Jan. 30 .- An effort is being made in the various counties of the State to raise funds with which to purchase 25 saddle forses for use by the cadets of Norwich University, Orders have been issued recently under which the graduates of this institution can compete for positions in the regular army. The examination, however, requires a test in horsemanship, making the use of horses a necessity. Battery equipment and saddles have been received. It is desired that the riding tests begin as soon as spring

Several Norwich graduates and other friends of the institution already are at work in various parts of the State, One of Vergennes. It is hoped that generous contributions for his purpose will be received at any early date

sermon from this text: "On building and builders." Great Architects, artists, authors, painters, sculptors, etc. He said that every one, no matter how low his station in life, who left the world better than he digged a ditch well built for the world's betterment. He might also have added that he who discovers a great remedy like Rydale's Tonic, works for the world's betterment. Rydale's Tonic is a human system builder. It purifies and builds the blood, restores weak nervous systems and increases the strength and Governor Proctor will not down. All who have used Rydale's Tonic pronounce it a great system tonic and builder. J. W. O'Sullivan, Burlington, Shanley & Estey, Wincoski.

THE METER.

While the gas Holds out to burn Its wheels, alas Must turn, turn, turn.

JANUARY WAS SLACK MONTH

to Retail Trade at Last.

Democrats and Republicans Out in Full Buying, However, Is of Small Lots and for Prompt Shipment-Bank Fallures Caused Senreely a Ripple-Recognized As October Aftermath.

> New York, Jan, 31 -Bradstreet's tomorrow will Trade and financial developments have been of a rather irregular character but, on the whole, in the direction of future improvement at the larger centers. Heal winter weather, long desired, has given a stimulus to retail trade in seasonable goods and there has been more done at wholesale and by jobbers in dry goods and kindred lines, this buying, however, being of small lots and for prompt, shipment.

> has not equalled by any means that done in the same month a year ago, in dustry has been rather slack, and the report of the country's in-mest industrial corporation shows clearly the effect of past disturbances in an almost perpendicular drop in earnings.

Business failures for the week ending January 30 number 300, against 468 last week, 211 in the like week o f1997, 288 in 1906, 239 in 1905 and 216 in 1904.

STILL A LARGE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED

New York, Jan. 31 .- R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade to-morrow will say: Seasonable weather and a further

injunctions in labor cases, and other mat- increase in the percentage of active machinery combined to improve the porations, was the chief feature of the trade situation although there is still a large number of unemployed, and dealers proceed employely in preparsides of the chamber. The Senate ordered commodities have declined on the whole, yet products of the leading industries are fairly well maintained routine business and a further con- Mercantile collections are irregular sideration of the bill to revise the criminal despite the case in the money mar-

There was little uncasiness regarding the additional bank closings, as it was realized that these suspensions up, sections involving were only the aftermath of the October panie and rememented no new Rallway earnings cause for alarm. in January were 15 E per cent. less than in 1907.

Commercial failures this week in the United States are 418 against 415 last week, 416 the preceding week OF SONS OF VERMONT, and 285 the corresponding week last year. Fallures in Canada number 38 against 43 last work, 33 the precoding week and 25 last year.

COMPANIES CANCEL RISKS.

of a Billion Dollar Fire in Nev York Takes Form.

George H. Prouty of Vermont and properly and to protect their stockholders, to probate court

to Increase the amounts of their insur- at are still with the court. ance, and some have engaged brokers to surance office the answer is: conflagration that will cripple us, and un Gov. Proctor then spoke. In his speech till we again become confident that our

> shall accept no new risks." started by the N underwriters for letter fire protection have expressed we tions complained of have just been discovered.

Controverting this is the statement of asurance men that they have for eighteen Middlesex and suit was brought against months been cutting down their liabilities Mil streets;

RE-ELECTION GROWING.

Withdrawal of A. M. Fletcher Sets Few Hurrah for Fletcher D.

Montpolier, Jan. 31.—The announcenent in the Free Press this morning of the withdrawal of A. M. Fletcher of Cavendish as a candidate for governer next fall was the principal topic of political conversation here to-day The Hon, Z. S. Stanton is ill with the statement on the new situation could be obtained from him.

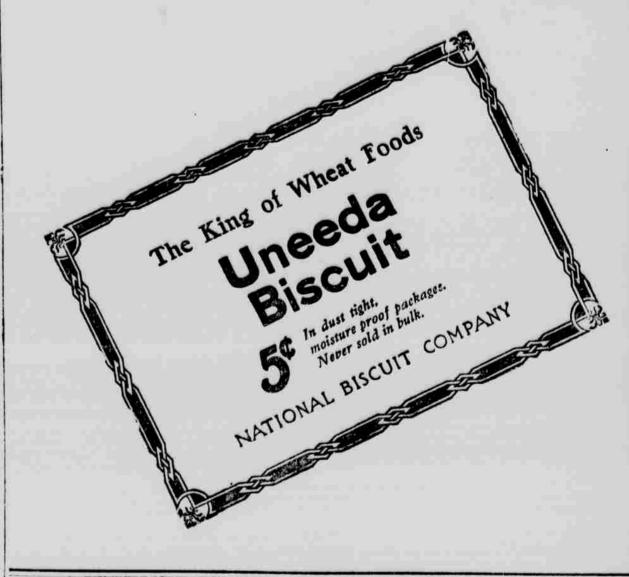
er's withdrawal will aid or injure Mr. Stanton's chances. Some are of the marble workers to report at opinion that Mr. Stanton's hope was to win out in a three-cornered fight. taking Mr. Fletcher out of the way assures the nomination of Mr. Stanton. They claim Orange and Washington counties solid for Stanton, with a large following in Addison, Windsor, Windham, Franklin other counties. It appears to be the He talked of the World's general feeling among Mr. Stanton's TAKEN BACK TO VERGENNES friends that he will not now abandon the field and let the nomination go to George H. Prouty by default

Beyond all this, not a few republifound it, was a builder, that he who cans in this city still clies to the idea of a second term for Gov. F. D. Proctor, and they predict such a clear call for him that he will be almost forced to accept a majority nomina tion. Between Prouty and Stanton these republicans are solid for Stanton, but the idea of the re-election of

JUST ENTRIES ORDERED.

Pinni Adjournment of January Term of

Supreme Court-No Opinions. Montpelier, Jan. 31 .- Final adournment of the January term of supreme court was reached at three o'clock this after-



follows:

In the two Addison county cases of Wills B. Child, et al., vs. Rollin L. Shaw, Chief Judge Rowell ordered this entry: Continued on terms that the orator pays to the clerk of this court \$100 for the benefit of the defendants, on or before Pebruary 20, or the bill is dismissed with

settled and discontinued. George R. Willey vs. H. G. Hanly tres-

pass, from Chittenden county; settled William E. Pay vs. Albert Roeder, debt. from Orleans county, exceptions walved and judgment of the county court af-

George B. Post and W. Aliston Flagg vs. the Rutland Railroad company, decree reversed pro forms and cau: remanded with directions that further proceedings

be had before the master. David N. Williams vs. Eugene R. and James E. Norton, negligence, from Rutand county. Judgment of county court reversed and cause remanded.

May B. Martin, apt., vs. J. C. Colvin, administrator of the estate of L. F. Colvin, administrator's account from Rutland county, exceptions waived, judgment of County court affirmed, and ordered certified to probate court.

William H. Grinnell, administrator of the estate of Stephen Fury vs. the General Accident Insurance company, assumpsit on policy from Rutland county. Judgment reversed and judgment for the plaintiff for the smaller sum. The H. C. Jaqueth company, ant.,

the estate of J. Q. Shumway, appeal from commissioners, from Windham county. Judgment of the county court reversed and cause remanded.

In re estate of Edgar F. Watkins. Lucinda Watkins executrix, Betsey E the institution with a majority of the board present, Chairman F C. Partridge In the receiving line were Governor and the city authorities will be forced to re-

et al. from Windsor county, decree af-

Some of these cases in which entries were to-day ordered were heard at this Merchants have plended for permission of cases heard at this and previous terms

Montpelier, Jan. 30.-The Franklin ounty case of Lyman H. Felton vs. Burt Chellis and William Batchelder, a bill morning in supreme court Following this, the Washington county case of w York board of fire John W. Engan of Middlesex vs. the The plaintiff was nearly when off the map by the flood of June 15, 1962, which swept away his mill and property at the railroad company on the grounds the district between Chambers and that its culverts near Eagan's property were insufficient to carry off the water. At the March term of Washington county court the plaintiff was awarded a verdict of \$5,883.32.

This was the last case to be argued this term. Court will go in at two o'cleck to-morrow afternoon presumably Stanton's Friends Gossiplug-Not a to read opinions or to order entries made

CANADIAN NORTHWEST IS RICH IN MARBLE.

Rutland, Jan. 31-Arthur W. McCurdy of Victoria, B. C., who claims to own property in the Northwest on which grip at his home in Rexbury and no there are extensive marble deposits, has been in Rutland for several days getting pointers from the marble industries of His friends in this city are divided Proctor, West Rutland and in their opinions whether Mr. Fletch- prior to opening a quarry next spring. He has engaged several experienced April 15. Mr. McCurdy also visited several machine shops and will probably while others confidently predict that place orders for marble working machinery in Vermont. Mr. McCurdy says that people have not yet begun to realize the ichness of the marble deposits in the Northwest and that in another decade Vermont will have a keen rival in British Columbia.

Rutland Boy Who Ran Away Told Parents He Was Released.

Rutland, Jan. 30.-After escaping with nother boy from the industrial school at Vergennes about three weeks ago, Levi Wooster was recapture last night by Officer Orin R. Packard and Assistant Superintendent Walker of the school, The boy was found at his home on Noyes avenue, and when the off cers entered, Mr. Walker said, "Well, Levi, I've come to take you back." Young Wooster, without saying a word set to work changing his clothes and in a few minutes they were ready for the train. They left at 8:45 clock for Vergennes.

Some time ago Levi Wooster was sen tenced to the school from Proctor. His behavior had been of the best and he was unusually bright in his studies. About three weeks ago he, with another boy noon. Court went in at two and the en- about the same age escaped from the intire docket was called. No opinions were stitution. They separated at Burlington

days after he had escaped. Wooster, according to his own story.

he spent some time, then coming to his home in this city, parents that he had been discharged from the industrial school and told that he could come home if he would promise to P. E. Whitcomb, spt., vs. Latey Ann be good. A few days ago he stole a set Noble's estate, from Chittenden county; of traverse sleds from another boy in this city and when brought before a justice ests as well as the interests of the comwas placed in the hands of the probation officer. When the industrial school officers saw the account in the paper they immediately looked up the case, the arrest following.

Wooster's companion, who excaped with him and was afterwards recaptured, has since been caught in another attempt to leave the school without permis-This time he had plans laid out that must ive taken shrewd thinking, Flach nigh is locked in a cell and placed in

VERMONT SHEEP BREEDERS

Middlebury, Jan. 30.-At the annual meeting of the Vermont Sheep Breeders' association here yesterday, President E. N. Bissell of Shoreham presided, Papers relating to the breeding of Merino sheep can party of Vermont into the soats were read by President Bissell and L. O. way back in the rear. It is time to Webster of Whiting. It was voted to join break away from this ancient idea. This the Ohio association provided the New is an age of progress. York association will take the same ac tion. These officers were elected: President, E. N. Bisseil of Shoreham; vicepresidents, C. M. Remele of Middlebury either Rydaie's Stomach Tablets (for Inand L. S. Brunnell of Bridport; secretary and treasurer, Charles A. Chapman of North Ferrisburgh; directors J. C. Hamilton, C. H. Smith and W. H. any sufferer who will write the Sturtevant of Bridgert, and L. A. Web. Remedy Co., Newport News, Va. ster of Whiting, Eighteen members were C'Sullivan, Burlington, Shanley & Estey

A PUBLIC SPIRITED GIFT.

transfer to the government, either state shoul feel insulted because he said your or national, by M. J. Happend of Peru, over were like stars of one thousand acres of valuable forest. Miss Prude-You don't? Why, stark of one thousand acres of valuable forest land lying in a solid body upon the top keep winking at you all the time.-Philaand sides of Mt. Bromley, one of the detphia Press. most prominent peaks of the Green mountain range, the village of Peru ly ing at its foot. This land has never ye een cut over except in portions a grea many years ago for lumbering purposes, and contains the head waters of severa serviceable streams.

The object is that it shall be both for now and all time hereafter fully protected for watershed and scenic purposes. It is purposed that the title shall fully rest with the government with no right for cutting reserved except by per-Contral Vermont Railway company was mission from the government. It being ergued for the remainder of the day, so evident that in the long run such a procedure will ensure to the best advantage of the owners, no consideration is regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable. expected or asked for. This tract juts into an extensive trace

of over one hundred thousand acres, no for the most part, in perfect condition, as regards the public ends aimed at being well-nigh unbroken forest area It is possible to drive for several mile ver one of her mountain roads without touching any opening or meeting any in

according to the other boy's story, the dication of any lumbering operations for latter being captured at Barre a few several years. There are several tracts of primeval growth yet remaining, notably one quite extensive and at the head jumped a freight into Montreal, where of a mill pend which was built at the first settlement of the town. Also an-Wooster told his other tract through which the main high way extends, said to be the only instance of the kind in the parts .

Mr. Hapgood assumes no p it in the matter, except for longsighted ness both as regards his personal intermunity at large. That our forests are really an asset of the community at large and ought not to be dominated by mere And he maintains that they are a legiimate object of confiscation where pubcontrol cannot feasibly be obtained

THE " MOUNTAIN RULE."

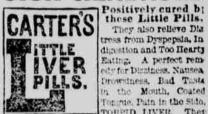
day as one of the links in the chain of ignorance that binds us to the idea that a change would send the republi-

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